UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BUREAU OF RECLAMATION Central Valley Project, California

CONTRACT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND HAL GJERMANN, DIVERTER OF WATER FROM SACRAMENTO RIVER SOURCES, SETTLING WATER RIGHTS DISPUTES AND PROVIDING FOR PROJECT WATER

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acting pursuant to Sections 12003 and 12004 of the California Water Code, with its principal

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place of business in California;

WITNESSETH, that:

25	EXPLANATORY RECITALS
26	[1 ^{st]} WHEREAS, the United States has constructed and is operating the Central Valley
27	Project, California, for multiple purposes pursuant to its statutory authority; and
28	[2 ^{nd]} WHEREAS, the Contractor has rights to divert, is diverting, and will continue to
29	divert for reasonable beneficial use, water from the natural flow of the Sacramento River and
30	tributaries thereto, that would have been flowing therein if the Central Valley Project were not in
31	existence; and
32 -	[3 ^{rd]} WHEREAS, the construction and operation of the integrated and coordinated
33	Central Valley Project has changed and will further change the regimen of the Sacramento,
34	American, San Joaquin, and Trinity Rivers and the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta from
35	unregulated flow to regulated flow; and
36	[4 ^{th]} WHEREAS, the United States has rights to divert, is diverting, and will continue
37	to divert waters from said Rivers and said Delta in connection with the operation of said Central
38	Valley Project; and
39	[5 ^{th]} WHEREAS, the Contractor and the United States had a dispute over the
40	respective rights of the parties to divert and use water from the regulated flow of the Sacramento
41	River which threatened to result in litigation, and as a means to settle that dispute entered into
42	Contract No. 14-06-200-4010A, as amended, hereinafter referred to as the Existing Contract,
43	which established terms for the delivery to the Contractor of Central Valley Project Water, and
44	the quantities of Base Supply the United States and the Contractor agreed may be diverted by the
45	Contractor from the Sacramento River pursuant to such contract; and
46	[6 ^{th]} WHEREAS, the United States and the Contractor disagree with respect to the

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authority of the United States to change the quantities of Base Supply and/or Project Water

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48	specified as available for diversion in this Settlement Contract from the quantities specified in
49	the Existing Contract, and other issues related thereto. That dispute was the subject of litigation
50	in a lawsuit entitled Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District, et al. v. United States, et al. [Civ. No. S-
51	01-1816 GEB/JFM (E.D. Cal.)], but that litigation was dismissed, without prejudice, pursuant to
52	a stipulation of dismissal filed by the parties thereto on August 29, 2002. Notwithstanding that
53	dismissal, the Contractor and the United States enter into this Settlement Contract to renew the
54	Existing Contract, pursuant to the terms of the Existing Contract, Federal Reclamation law, and
55	the laws of the State of California; and
56	[7 th] WHEREAS, to assure the Contractor of the enjoyment and use of the regulated
57	flow of the said Rivers and the Delta, and to provide for the economical operation of the Central
58	Valley Project by, and the reimbursement to, the United States for expenditures made for said
59	Project;
60	NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the performance of the herein contained
61	provisions, conditions, and covenants, it is agreed as follows:
62	<u>DEFINITIONS</u>
63	1. When used herein, unless otherwise expressed or incompatible with the intent
64	hereof, the term:
65	(a) "Base Supply" shall mean the quantity of Surface Water established in
66	Articles 3 and 5 which may be diverted by the Contractor from the Sacramento River each month
67	during the period April through October of each Year without payment to the United States for
68	such quantities diverted;
69	(b) "Basin-Wide Water Management Plan" shall mean the mutually agreeable
70	Sacramento River Basinwide Water Management Plan, dated October 11, 2004, developed by

/ 1	Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District, Maxwell Irrigation District, Natomas Central Mutual Water
72	Company, Pelger Mutual Water Company, Princeton-Codora Glenn Irrigation District, Providen
73	Irrigation District, Reclamation District 108, Sutter Mutual Water Company, Anderson-
74	Cottonwood Irrigation District, Meridian Farms Water Company, Reclamation District 1004, and
75	the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation;
76	(c) "Charges" shall mean the payments for Project Water that the Contractor
77	is required to pay to the United States in addition to the "Rates" specified in this Settlement
78	Contract. The Contracting Officer will, on an annual basis, determine the extent of these
79	Charges. The type and amount of each Charge shall be specified in Exhibit D;
30	(d) "Contract Total" shall mean the sum of the Base Supply and Project Water
31	available for diversion by the Contractor for the period April 1 through October 31;
32	(e) "Critical Year" shall mean any Year in which either of the following
33	eventualities exists:
34	(1) The forecasted full natural inflow to Shasta Lake for the current
35	Water Year, as such forecast is made by the United States on or before February 15 and reviewed
36	as frequently thereafter as conditions and information warrant, is equal to or less than 3.2 million
37	acre-feet; or
88	(2) The total accumulated actual deficiencies below 4 million acre-feet
39	in the immediately prior Water Year or series of successive prior Water Years each of which had
00	inflows of less than 4 million acre-feet, together with the forecasted deficiency for the current
1	Water Year, exceed 800,000 acre-feet.
2	For the purpose of determining a Critical Year, the computation of inflow to
3	Shasta Lake shall be performed in a manner that considers the extent of upstream development

above Shasta Lake during the year in question, and shall be used as the full natural flow to Shasta Lake. In the event that major construction has occurred or occurs above Shasta Lake after September 1, 1963, and which has materially altered or alters the regimen of the stream systems contributing to Shasta Lake, the computed inflow to Shasta Lake used to define a Critical Year will be adjusted to eliminate the effect of such material alterations. After consultation with the State of California, the National Weather Service, and other recognized forecasting agencies, the Contracting Officer will select the forecast to be used and will make the details of it available to the Contractor. The same forecasts used by the United States for the operation of the Project shall be used to make the forecasts hereunder;

- (f) "CVPIA" shall mean the Central Valley Project Improvement Act,
 Title XXXIV of the Act of October 30, 1992 (106 Stat. 4706);
- 105 (g) Omitted;

- 106 (h) Omitted;
- 107 (i) Omitted;
- 108 (j) Omitted;
- 109 (k) Omitted;
 - (l) "Project" shall mean the Central Valley Project owned by the United
 States and managed by the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation;
 - (m) "Project Water" shall mean all Surface Water diverted or scheduled to be diverted each month during the period April through October of each Year by the Contractor from the Sacramento River which is in excess of the Base Supply. The United States recognizes the right of the Contractor to make arrangements for acquisition of water from projects of others than the United States for delivery through the Sacramento River and tributaries subject to

	117	written agreement between Contractor and the United States as to identification of such water,
	118	which water, when so identified, shall not be deemed Project Water under this Settlement
	119	Contract;
	120	(n) "Rates" shall mean the payments for Project Water determined annually
	121	by the Contracting Officer in accordance with the then current applicable water ratesetting
	122	policies for the Project, as described in subdivision (a) of Article 8 of this Settlement Contract;
	123	(o) "Secretary" or "Contracting Officer" shall mean the Secretary of the
	124	Interior, a duly appointed successor, or an authorized representative acting pursuant to any
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	126	(p) "Surface Water" shall mean only those waters that are considered as
	127	surface water under California law;
	128	(q) "Water Year" shall mean the period commencing with October 1 of one
	129	year and extending through September 30 of the next; and
	130	(r) "Year" shall mean a calendar year.
	131	TERM OF SETTLEMENT CONTRACT
	132	2. (a) This Settlement Contract shall become effective April 1, 2005, and shall
	133	remain in effect until and including March 31, 2045; Provided, that under terms and conditions
	134	mutually agreeable to the parties hereto, renewals may be made for successive periods not to
	135	exceed 40 years each. The terms and conditions of each renewal shall be agreed upon not later
	136	than one year prior to the expiration of the then existing Settlement Contract.
	137	(b) With respect to Project Water and the portions of this Settlement Contract
	138	pertaining thereto, upon written request by the Contractor of the Secretary made not later than
	139	one year prior to the expiration of this Settlement Contract, whenever, account being taken of the

amount then credited to the costs of construction of water supply works, the remaining amount of construction costs of water supply work which is properly assignable for ultimate return by the Contractor as established by the Secretary of the Interior pursuant to (3) of Section 1 of Public Law 643 (70 Stat. 483), probably can be repaid to the United States within the term of a contract under subsection 9(d) of the 1939 Reclamation Project Act (53 Stat. 1187), the relevant portions of this Settlement Contract may be converted to a contract under said subsection 9(d) upon terms and conditions mutually agreeable to the United States and the Contractor. The Secretary shall make a determination ten years after the date of execution of this Settlement Contract, and every five years thereafter, of whether a conversion to a contract under said subsection 9(d) can be accomplished pursuant to Public Law 643. Notwithstanding any provision of this Settlement Contract, the Contractor reserves and shall have all rights and benefits under Public Law 643.

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WATER TO BE FURNISHED TO CONTRACTOR

- 3. (a) Subject to the conditions, limitations, and provisions hereinafter expressed, the Contractor is hereby entitled and authorized to divert from the Sacramento River at the locations shown in Exhibit A, for beneficial use within the area delineated on Exhibit B, (both Exhibits are attached hereto and made a part hereof), the Contract Total designated in Exhibit A, or any revision thereof.
- (b) No sale, transfer, exchange, or other disposal of any of the Contract Total designated in Exhibit A or the right to the use thereof for use on land other than that shown on Exhibit B shall be made by the Contractor without first obtaining the written consent of the Contracting Officer. Such consent will not be unreasonably withheld and a decision will be rendered in a timely manner. For short-term actions that will occur within one year or less, the decision will be rendered within 30 days after receipt of a complete written proposal. For

163	long-term actions that will occur in a period longer than one year, the decision will be rendered
164	within 90 days after receipt of a complete written proposal. For a proposal to be deemed
165	complete by the Contracting Officer, it must comply with all provisions required by State and
166	Federal law, including information sufficient to enable the Contracting Officer to comply with
167	the National Environmental Policy Act, the Endangered Species Act, and applicable rules or
168	regulations then in effect; Provided, that such consent does not authorize the use of Federal
169	facilities to facilitate or effectuate the sale, transfer, exchange or other disposal of Base Supply.
170	Such use of Federal facilities will be the subject of a separate agreement to be entered into
171	between the Contractor and Reclamation.
172	(c) For the purpose of determining whether Section 3405(a)(1)(M) of the
173	CVPIA applies to the Contractor as a transferor or transferee of Project Water, the Contracting
174	Officer acknowledges that the Contractor is within a county, watershed, or other area of origin,
175	as those terms are utilized under California law.
176	(d) Nothing herein contained shall prevent the Contractor from diverting
177	water during the months of November through March for beneficial use on the land shown on
178	Exhibit B or elsewhere to the extent authorized under the laws of the State of California.
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179 (e) The United States assumes no responsibility for and neither it nor its'
180 officers, agents, or employees shall have any liability for or on account of:

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- (1) The quality of water to be diverted by the Contractor;
- (2) The control, carriage, handling, use, disposal, or distribution of water diverted by the Contractor outside the facilities constructed and then being operated and maintained by or on behalf of the United States;

185	(3) Claims of damage of any nature whatsoever, including but not
186	limited to, property loss or damage, personal injury, or death arising out of or connected with the
187	control, carriage, handling, use, disposal, or distribution of said water outside of the hereinabove
188	referred to facilities; and
189	(4) Any damage whether direct or indirect arising out of or in any
190	manner caused by a shortage of water whether such shortage be on account of errors in
191	operation, drought, or unavoidable causes.
192	(f) In addition to the provisions of subdivision (e) of Article 3 of this
193	Contract, if there is a shortage of Project Water because of actions taken by the Contracting
194	Officer to meet legal obligations then, except as provided in subdivision (a) of Article 30 of this
195	Contract, no liability shall accrue against the United States or any of its officers, agents, or
196	employees for any damage, direct or indirect, arising therefrom.
197	<u>RETURN FLOW</u>
198	4. Nothing herein shall be construed as an abandonment or a relinquishment by the
199	United States of any right it may have to the use of waste, seepage, and return flow water derived
200	from water diverted by the Contractor hereunder and which escapes or is discharged beyond the
201	boundaries of the lands shown on Exhibit B; Provided, that this shall not be construed as
202	claiming for the United States any right to such water which is recovered by the Contractor
203	pursuant to California law from within the boundaries of the lands shown on Exhibit B, and
204	which is being used pursuant to this Settlement Contract for surface irrigation or underground
205	storage for the benefit of the lands shown on Exhibit B by the Contractor.
206	CONSTRAINTS ON THE AVAILABILITY OF WATER
207	5. In a Critical Year, the Contractor shall have the option to:

208		(a)	Irrigate not in excess of 75	percent of its irrigable a	creage shown on
209	Exhibit A; or				

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- (b) Divert from the Sacramento River not in excess of 75 percent of the Contract Total shown on Exhibit A, subject to the installation of measurement equipment satisfactory to the Contracting Officer. The Contractor shall install, operate, and maintain this equipment at the Contractor's expense. The Contractor shall submit, by April 1 of that Critical Year, a written schedule to the Contracting Officer indicating the Contract Total to be diverted by the Contractor during each month of that Critical Year under this Settlement Contract.
- (c) The amount of any overpayment by the Contractor shall, at its option, be refunded or credited upon amounts to become due to the United States from the Contractor under the provisions hereof in the ensuing Year. To the extent of such deficiency such adjustment of overpayment shall constitute the sole remedy of the Contractor.

INTEGRATED WATER MANAGEMENT AND PARTNERSHIPS

6. The Contractor and United States desire to work together to maximize the reasonable beneficial use of water for their mutual benefit. As a consequence, the United States and the Contractor will work in partnership and with others within the Sacramento Valley, including other contractors, to facilitate the better integration within the Sacramento Valley of all water supplies including, but not limited to, the better management and integration of surface water and groundwater, the development and better utilization of surface water storage, the effective utilization of waste, seepage and return flow water, and other operational and management options that may be identified in the future.

229 <u>USE OF WATER FURNISHED TO CONTRACTOR</u>

7. (a) Project Water furnished to the Contractor pursuant to this Settlement
Contract shall not be delivered or furnished by the Contractor for any purposes other than
agricultural purposes without the written consent of the Contracting Officer. For purposes of this
Settlement Contract, "agricultural purposes" includes, but is not restricted to, the irrigation of
crops, the watering of livestock, incidental domestic use including related landscape irrigation,
and underground water replenishment.

(b) The Contractor shall comply with requirements applicable to the Contractor in biological opinion(s) prepared as a result of a consultation regarding the execution of this Settlement Contract undertaken pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended that are within the Contractor's legal authority to implement. The Existing Contract, which evidences in excess of 40 years of diversions, for agricultural uses, of the quantities of water provided for in Article 3, and the underlying water rights of the Contractor will be considered in developing an appropriate base-line for the Biological Assessment prepared pursuant to the Endangered Species Act, and in any other needed environmental review.

Nothing herein shall be construed to prevent the Contractor from challenging or seeking judicial relief in a court of competent jurisdiction with respect to any biological opinion or other environmental documentation referred to in this Article.

RATE AND METHOD OF PAYMENT FOR WATER

8. (a) The Contractor shall make payments to the United States as provided in this Article for each acre of land irrigated from April 1, through October 31 in each Year.

Such payments shall be at Rates and Charges established in accordance with: (i) the Secretary's then current ratesetting policies for the Project; and (ii) applicable Reclamation

law and associated rules and regulations, or policies; Provided, that if the Contractor desires to use Project Water for other than agricultural purposes the Rates and Charges set forth above will be adjusted by the Contracting Officer to the applicable Rates and Charges for such purposes.

The Rates and Charges applicable to the Contractor upon execution of this Settlement Contract are set forth in Exhibit D, as may be revised annually. The Secretary's ratesetting policies for the Project shall be amended, modified, or superseded only through a public notice and comment procedure.

- (b) The Contracting Officer shall notify the Contractor of the Rates and Charges as follows:
- (1) Prior to July 1 of each Year, the Contracting Officer shall provide the Contractor an estimate of the Charges for Project Water that will be applied to the period October 1, of the current Year, through September 30, of the following Year, and the basis for such estimate. The Contractor shall be allowed not less than two months to review and comment on such estimates. On or before September 15 of each Year, the Contracting Officer shall notify the Contractor in writing of the Charges to be in effect during the period October 1 of the current Year, through September 30, of the following Year, and such notification shall revise Exhibit D.
- (2) Prior to October 1 of each Year, the Contracting Officer shall make available to the Contractor an estimate of the Rates for Project Water for the following Year and the computations and cost allocations upon which those Rates are based. The Contractor shall be allowed not less than two months to review and comment on such computations and cost allocations. By December 31 of each Year, the Contracting Officer shall provide the Contractor with the final Rates to be in effect for the upcoming Year, and such notification shall revise Exhibit D.

275	(c) The Contractor shall pay the United States for Project Water in the
276	following manner:
277	(1) With respect to Rates and Charges, on or before May 1 of each
278	Year, the Contractor shall pay the United States one-half the total amount payable pursuant to
279	subdivision (a) of this Article and the remainder shall be paid on or before July 1 or such later
280	date or dates as may be specified by the United States in a written notice to the Contractor.
281	(2) The amount to be paid on or before May 1 of each Year shall be
282	based on a written estimate, provided to the Contracting Officer by the Contractor on or before
283	April 1 of each Year, of the total area to be irrigated between April 1 and October 31 of that
284	Year.
285	(3) The amount to be paid on or before July 1 shall be equal to the
286	difference between the amount paid on May 1 and the total amount due for the Year, based on
287	the total area actually irrigated from April 1 to July 1.
288	(4) If additional areas are placed under irrigation on or after July 1, but
289	before October 31, additional payment shall be made in advance of such additional irrigation at
290	the Rates and Charges shown in Exhibit D for each additional acre placed under irrigation.
291	(d) Payments to be made by the Contractor to the United States under this
292	Settlement Contract may be paid from any revenues available to the Contractor. All revenues
293	received by the United States from the Contractor relating to the delivery of Project Water or the
-294	delivery of non-Project Water through Project facilities shall be allocated and applied in
295	accordance with Federal Reclamation law and the associated rules or regulations, and the then
296	current Project ratesetting policies for irrigation water.

(e) The Contracting Officer shall keep its accounts pertaining to the administration of the financial terms and conditions of its long-term water service and Settlement Contracts, in accordance with applicable Federal standards, so as to reflect the application of Project costs and revenues. The Contracting Officer shall, each Year upon request of the Contractor, provide to the Contractor a detailed accounting of all Project and Contractor expense allocations, the disposition of all Project and Contractor revenues, and a summary of all water delivery information. The Contracting Officer and the Contractor shall enter into good faith negotiations to resolve any discrepancies or disputes relating to accountings, reports, or information.

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- (f) The parties acknowledge and agree that the efficient administration of this Settlement Contract is their mutual goal. Recognizing that experience has demonstrated that mechanisms, policies, and procedures used for establishing Rates and Charges and/or for making and allocating payments, other than those set forth in this Article may be in the mutual best interest of the parties, it is expressly agreed that the parties may enter into agreements to modify the mechanisms, policies, and procedures for any of those purposes while this Settlement Contract is in effect without amendment of this Settlement Contract.
- ratesetting policies for the Project will be established to recover only reimbursable operation and maintenance (including any deficits) and capital costs of the Project, as those terms are used in the then-current Project ratesetting policies, and interest, where appropriate, except in instances where a minimum Rate is applicable in accordance with the relevant Project ratesetting policy.

 Proposed changes of significance in practices which implement the ratesetting policies for the Project will not be implemented until the Contracting Officer has provided the Contractor an

opportunity to discuss the nature, need, and impact of the proposed change. The Contractor retains all rights to challenge the validity of Rates and Charges imposed pursuant to this Settlement Contract, including but not limited to operation and maintenance expenses and operation and maintenance deficits, in an appropriate administrative or judicial proceeding.

- (h) Except as provided in subsection 3405(a)(1)(B) of the CVPIA, the Rates for Project Water transferred, exchanged, or otherwise disposed of, by the Contractor shall be the Contractor's Rates adjusted upward or downward to reflect the changed costs of delivery (if any) of the transferred, exchanged, or otherwise disposed of Project Water to the transferee's point of delivery in accordance with the then-current ratesetting policies for the Project. Except as provided in subsection 3407(d)(2)(A) of the CVPIA, the Charges for Project Water transferred, exchanged, or otherwise disposed of, by the Contractor shall be the Contractor's Charges specified in Exhibit D. If the Contractor is receiving lower Rates and Charges because of inability to pay and is transferring, exchanging, or otherwise disposing of Project Water to another entity whose Rates and Charges are not adjusted due to inability to pay, the Rates and Charges for transferred, exchanged, or otherwise disposed of Project Water shall be the Contractor's Rates and Charges unadjusted for ability to pay.
- (i) Pursuant to the Act of October 27, 1986 (100 Stat. 3050), the Contracting Officer is authorized to adjust determinations of ability to pay every five years.
- (j) Each payment to be made pursuant to subdivisions (a) and (c) of this

 Article shall be made at the office of the Bureau of Reclamation, MP Region: Mid-Pacific,

 P.O. Box 894242, Los Angeles, CA 90189-4242, or at such other place as the United States may designate in a written notice to the said Contractor. Payments shall be made by cash transaction, wire, or any other mechanism as may be agreed to in writing by the Contractor and the

Contracting Officer. In event there should be a default in the payment of the amount due, the delinquent payment provisions of Article 13 shall apply. The Contractor shall not be relieved of the whole or any part of its said obligation by, on account of, or notwithstanding, as the case may be its failure, refusal, or neglect to divert the quantity of Project Water shown on Exhibit A.

AGREEMENT ON WATER QUANTITIES

- 9. (a) During the term of this Settlement Contract and any renewals thereof:
- (1) It shall constitute full agreement as between the United States and the Contractor as to the quantities of water and the allocation thereof between Base Supply and Project Water which may be diverted by the Contractor from the Sacramento River for beneficial use on the land shown on Exhibit B from April1 through October 31, which said diversion, use, and allocation shall not be disturbed so long as the Contractor shall fulfill all of its obligations hereunder;
- (2) Neither party shall claim any right against the other in conflict with the provisions of Article 9(a)(1) hereof.
- (b) Nothing herein contained is intended to or does limit rights of the Contractor against others than the United States or of the United States against any person other than the Contractor; Provided, however, that in the event the Contractor, the United States, or any other person shall become a party to a general adjudication of rights to the use of water of the Sacramento River system, this Settlement Contract shall not jeopardize the rights or position of either party hereto or of any other person and the rights of all such persons in respect to the use of such water shall be determined in such proceedings the same as if this Settlement Contract had not been entered into, and if final judgment in any such general adjudication shall determine that the rights of the parties hereto are different from the rights as assumed herein, the parties

shall negotiate an amendment to give effect to such judgment. In the event the parties are unable to agree on an appropriate amendment they shall, within 60 days of determining that there is an impasse, employ the services of a neutral mediator, experienced in resolving water rights disputes, to assist in resolving the impasse. The cost of the mediation will be shared equally. A failure to reach agreement on an amendment within 60 days of the end of mediation will cause the immediate termination of this Settlement Contract.

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In the event that the California State Water Resources Control Board or a (c) court of competent jurisdiction issues a final decision or order modifying the terms and conditions of the water rights of either party to this Settlement Contract in order to impose Bay-Delta water quality obligations, the Contractor and the United States shall promptly meet to determine whether or not to modify any of the terms of this Settlement Contract to comply with the final decision or order. If within 60 days of the date of the issuance of the final decision or order the parties are not able to reach agreement regarding either the need to modify this Settlement Contract or the manner in which this Settlement Contract is to be modified, the parties shall promptly retain a neutral mediator, experienced in resolving water right disputes, to assist the parties in resolving their dispute. The cost of the mediator shall be shared equally. In the event that either of the parties to this Settlement Contract determines that the parties will not be able to develop mutually-agreeable modification(s) to this Settlement Contract even with the assistance of a mediator, either of the parties to this Settlement Contract may attempt to resolve the impasse by seeking appropriate judicial relief including, but not limited to, filing a general adjudication of the rights to the use of water in the Sacramento River system. The foregoing provisions of this sub-article shall only apply to the incremental obligations contained within a final decision or order of the State Water Resources Control Board that reflects a modification to

the obligations imposed in State Water Resources Control Board Revised Water Rights Decision 1641 dated March 15, 2000, and its associated 1995 Water Quality Control Plan which, taken together, will be considered the baseline for the application of the provisions of this sub-article.

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(d) In the event this Settlement Contract terminates, the rights of the parties to thereafter divert and use water shall exist as if this Settlement Contract had not been entered into; and the fact that as a compromise settlement of a controversy as to the respective rights of the parties to divert and use water and the yield of such rights during the term hereof, this Settlement Contract places a limit on the Contract Total to be diverted annually by the Contractor during the Settlement Contract term and segregates it into Base Supply and Project Water shall not ieopardize the rights or position of either party with respect to its water rights or the yield thereof at all times after the Settlement Contract terminates. It is further agreed that the Contractor at all times will first use water to the use of which it is entitled by virtue of its own water rights, and neither the provisions of this Settlement Contract, action taken thereunder, nor payments made thereunder to the United States by the Contractor shall be construed as an admission that any part of the water used by the Contractor during the term of this Settlement Contract was in fact water to which it would not have been entitled under water rights owned by it nor shall receipt of payments thereunder by the United States from the Contractor be construed as an admission that any part of the water used by the Contractor during the term of this Settlement Contract was in fact water to which it would have been entitled under water rights owned by it.

MEASUREMENT OF WATER

10. (a) All water diverted by the Contractor from the Sacramento River will be diverted at the existing point or points of diversion shown on Exhibit A or at such other points as may be mutually agreed upon in writing by the Contracting Officer and the Contractor.

(1	The right of ingress to and egress from all points of diversion is hereby
granted to all au	thorized employees of the United States. The Contractor also hereby grants to
the United State	s the right to install, operate, maintain, and replace measuring equipment on
diversion or carr	iage facilities at each point of diversion as the Contracting Officer deems
necessary.	

- (c) The Contractor shall not modify, alter, remove, or replace diversion facilities or do any other act which would alter the effectiveness or accuracy of the measuring equipment installed by the United States or its representatives unless and until the Contracting Officer has been notified with due diligence and has been given an opportunity to modify such measuring equipment in such manner as may be necessary or appropriate. In the event of an emergency the Contractor shall notify the United States within a reasonable time thereafter as to the existence of the emergency and the nature and extent of such modification, alteration, removal, or replacement of diversion facilities.
- (d) The Contractor shall pay the United States for the costs to repair, relocate, or replace measurement equipment when the Contractor modifies, alters, removes, or replaces diversion or carriage facilities.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

11. The parties agree that the delivery of Project Water for irrigation use or use of Federal facilities pursuant to this Settlement Contract is subject to Federal Reclamation law, including but not limited to, the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982 (43 U.S.C.390aa et seq.), as amended and supplemented, and the rules and regulations promulgated by the Secretary of the Interior under Federal Reclamation law.

434	GENERAL OBLIGATION-BENEFITS CONDITIONED UPON PAYMENT
435 436 437 438	12. (a) The obligation of the Contractor to pay the United States as provided in this Settlement Contract is a general obligation of the Contractor notwithstanding the manner in which the obligation may be distributed among the Contractor's water users and notwithstanding the default of individual water users in their obligations to the Contractor.
439 440 441 442 443 444 445	(b) The payment of Charges becoming due hereunder is a condition precedent to receiving benefits under this Settlement Contract. The United States shall not make water available to the Contractor through Project facilities during any period in which the Contractor may be in arrears in the advance payment of water Rates due the United States. The Contractor shall not furnish water made available pursuant to this Settlement Contract for lands or parties which are in arrears in the advance payment of water rates levied or established by the Contractor.
146	(c) With respect to subdivision (b) of this Article, the Contractor shall have no
147	obligation to require advance payment for water Rates which it levies.
148	CHARGES FOR DELINQUENT PAYMENTS
149 150 151 152 153 154 155 156	13. (a) The Contractor shall be subject to interest, administrative and penalty charges on delinquent installments or payments. When a payment is not received by the due date, the Contractor shall pay an interest charge for each day the payment is delinquent beyond the due date. When a payment becomes 60 days delinquent, the Contractor shall pay an administrative charge to cover additional costs of billing and processing the delinquent payment. When a payment is delinquent 90 days or more, the Contractor shall pay an additional penalty charge of six percent per year for each day the payment is delinquent beyond the due date. Further, the Contractor shall pay any fees incurred for debt collection services associated with a delinquent payment.
58 59 60 61 62	(b) The interest charge rate shall be the greater of the rate prescribed quarterly in the Federal Register by the Department of the Treasury for application to overdue payments, or the interest rate of one-half of one percent per month prescribed by Section 6 of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 (Public Law 76-260). The interest charge rate shall be determined as of the due date and remain fixed for the duration of the delinquent period.
63	(c) When a partial payment on a delinquent account is received, the amount
64	received shall be applied, first to the penalty, second to the administrative charges, third to the
65	accrued interest, and finally to the overdue payment.
66	QUALITY OF WATER
67	14. The operation and maintenance of Project facilities shall be performed in such
68	manner as is practicable to maintain the quality of raw water made available through such

facilities at the highest level reasonably attainable as determined by the Contracting Officer. The 469 United States does not warrant the quality of water and is under no obligation to construct or 470 471 furnish water treatment facilities to maintain or better the quality of water. 472 WATER AND AIR POLLUTION CONTROL 473 15. The Contractor, in carrying out this Settlement Contract, shall comply with all 474 applicable water and air pollution laws and regulations of the United States and the State of 475 California, and shall obtain all required permits or licenses from the appropriate Federal, State, 476 or local authorities. 477 EQUAL OPPORTUNITY 478 16. During the performance of this Settlement Contract, the Contractor agrees as 479 follows: 480 (a) The Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. The Contractor will take 481 affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during 482 employment, without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. Such action 483 shall include, but not be limited to, the following: Employment, upgrading, demotion, or 484 485 transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination, rates of payment or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The Contractor 486 487 agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, 488 notices to be provided by the Contracting Officer setting forth the provisions of this 489 nondiscrimination clause. 490 The Contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive 491 consideration for employment without discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex, or 492 493 national origin. 494 The Contractor will send to each labor union or representative of workers (c) with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice, 495 to be provided by the Contracting Officer, advising the said labor union or workers' 496 497 representative of the Contractor's commitments under Section 202 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to 498 499 employees and applicants for employment.

(d) The Contractor will comply with all provisions of Executive Order No. 11246 of September 24, 1965, as amended, and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.
(e) The Contractor will furnish all information and reports required by said amended Executive Order and by the rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to its books, records, and accounts by the Contracting Officer and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.
(f) In the event of the Contractor's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this Settlement Contract or with any of the said rules, regulations, or orders, this Settlement Contract may be canceled, terminated, or suspended, in whole or in part, and the Contractor may be declared ineligible for further Government contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in said amended Executive Order, and such other sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in said Executive Order, or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.
(g) The Contractor will include the provisions of paragraphs (a) through (g) in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by the rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to Section 204 of said amended Executive Order, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The Contractor will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as may be directed by the Secretary of Labor as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance: Provided, however, that in the event the Contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction, the Contractor may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.
17. Omitted.
18. Omitted.
BOOKS, RECORDS, AND REPORTS
19. The Contractor shall establish and maintain accounts and other books and records pertaining to administration of the terms and conditions of this Settlement Contract, including: the Contractor's financial transactions, water supply data, and Project land and right-of-way agreements; the water users' land-use (crop census), land ownership, land-leasing and water use data; and other matters that the Contracting Officer may require. Reports thereon shall be furnished to the Contracting Officer in such form and on such date or dates as the Contracting Officer may require. Subject to applicable Federal laws and regulations, each party to this Settlement Contract shall have the right during office hours to examine and make copies of each other's books and official records relating to matters covered by this Settlement Contract.

536	CHANGE OF PLACE OF USE						
537	20. Unless the written consent of the United States is first obtained no change shall be						
538	made in the place of water use shown on Exhibit B.						
539	21. Omitted.						
540	<u>NOTICES</u>						
541 542 543 544 545 546 547	shall be deemed to have been given, on behalf of the Contractor, when mailed, postage prepaid, or delivered to the Area Manager, Northern California Area Office, Bureau of Reclamation, 16349 Shasta Dam Boulevard, Shasta Lake, California 96019, and on behalf of the United States, when mailed, postage prepaid, or delivered to Hal Gjermann, 20 Lotus Court, Red Bluff, California 96080. The designation of the addressee or the address may be changed by notice						
548	ASSIGNMENT LIMITED-SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS OBLIGATED						
549 550 551 552	successors and assigns of the parties hereto, but no assignment or transfer of this Settlement Contract or any right or interest therein shall be valid until approved in writing by the						
553	(b) The assignment of any right or interest in this Settlement Contract by						
554	either party shall not interfere with the rights or obligations of the other party to this Settlement						
555	Contract absent the written concurrence of said other party.						
556	(c) The Contracting Officer shall not unreasonably condition or withhold his						
557	approval of any proposed assignment.						
558	OFFICIALS NOT TO BENEFIT						
559 560 561	24. No Member of or Delegate to Congress, Resident Commissioner, or official of the Contractor shall benefit from this Settlement Contract other than as a water user or landowner in the same manner as other water users or landowners.						
562	CONTINGENT UPON APPROPRIATION OR ALLOTMENT OF FUNDS						
563 564 565 566 567	25. The expenditure or advance of any money or the performance of any obligation of the United States under this Settlement Contract shall be contingent upon appropriation or allotment of funds. Absence of appropriation or allotment of funds shall not relieve the Contractor from any obligations under this Settlement Contract. No liability shall accrue to the United States in case funds are not appropriated or allotted.						

568 CONFIRMATION OF SETTLEMENT CONTRACT 569 26. The Contractor, after the execution of this Settlement Contract, shall promptly 570 seek to secure a decree of a court of competent jurisdiction of the State of California, if appropriate, confirming the execution of this Settlement Contract. The Contractor shall furnish 571 the United States a certified copy of the final decree, the validation proceedings, and all pertinent 572 supporting records of the court approving and confirming this Settlement Contract, and 573 decreeing and adjudging it to be lawful, valid, and binding on the Contractor. This Settlement 574 575 Contract shall not be binding on the United States until such final decree has been secured. 576 27. Omitted. 577 PRIVACY ACT COMPLIANCE 578 28. The Contractor shall comply with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a) (a) (the Act) and the Department of the Interior rules and regulations under the Act (43 CFR 2.45 et 579 seq.) in maintaining Landholder acreage certification and reporting records, required to be 580 581 submitted to the Contractor for compliance with Sections 206 and 228 of the Reclamation 582 Reform Act of 1982 (96 Stat. 1266), and pursuant to 43 CFR 426.18. 583 With respect to the application and administration of the criminal penalty 584 provisions of the Act (5 U.S.C. 552a(i)), the Contractor and the Contractor's employees responsible for maintaining the certification and reporting records referenced in (a) above are 585 586 considered to be employees of the Department of the Interior. See 5 U.S.C. 552a(m). 587 The Contracting Officer or a designated representative shall provide the 588 Contractor with current copies of the Interior Department Privacy Act regulations and the Bureau 589 of Reclamation Federal Register Privacy Act System of Records Notice (Acreage Limitation-Interior, Reclamation-31) which govern the maintenance, safeguarding, and disclosure of 590 591 information contained in the Landholder's certification and reporting records. 592 The Contracting Officer shall designate a full-time employee of the 593 Bureau of Reclamation to be the System Manager who shall be responsible for making decisions on denials pursuant to 43 CFR 2.61 and 2.64 amendment requests pursuant to 43 CFR 2.72. The 594 595 Contractor is authorized to grant requests by individuals for access to their own records. 596 The Contractor shall forward promptly to the System Manager each (e) proposed denial of access under 43 CFR 2.64; and each request for amendment of records filed 597 under 43 CFR 2.71; notify the requester accordingly of such referral; and provide the System 598 599 Manager with information and records necessary to prepare an appropriate response to the requester. These requirements do not apply to individuals seeking access to their own 600 601 certification and reporting forms filed with the Contractor pursuant to 43 CFR 426.18, unless the 602 requester elects to cite the Privacy Act as a basis for the request.

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WATER CONSERVATION

- 604 29. (a) Prior to the diversion of Project Water, the Contractor shall be 605 implementing an effective water conservation and efficiency program based on the Basin-Wide Water Management Plan and/or Contractor's water conservation plan that has been determined 606 607 by the Contracting Officer to meet the conservation and efficiency criteria for evaluating water conservation plans established under Federal law. The water conservation and efficiency 608 609 program shall contain definite water conservation objectives, appropriate economically feasible water conservation measures, and time schedules for meeting those objectives. Continued 610 diversion of Project Water pursuant to this Settlement Contract shall be contingent upon the 611 612 Contractor's continued implementation of such water conservation program. In the event the Contractor's water conservation plan or any revised water conservation plan completed pursuant 613 614 to subdivision (d) of Article 29 of this Settlement Contract have not yet been determined by the 615 Contracting Officer to meet such criteria, due to circumstances which the Contracting Officer 616 determines are beyond the control of the Contractor, Project Water deliveries shall be made under this Settlement Contract so long as the Contractor diligently works with the Contracting 617 Officer to obtain such determination at the earliest practicable date, and thereafter the Contractor 618 immediately begins implementing its water conservation and efficiency program in accordance 619 620 with the time schedules therein.
 - (b) The Contractor shall submit to the Contracting Officer a report on the status of its implementation of the water conservation plan on the reporting dates specified in the then existing conservation and efficiency criteria established under Federal law.
 - (c) At five-year intervals, the Contractor shall revise its water conservation plan to reflect the then current conservation and efficiency criteria for evaluating water

conservation plans established under Federal law and submit such revised water management plan to the Contracting Officer for review and evaluation. The Contracting Officer will then determine if the water conservation plan meets Reclamation's then current conservation and efficiency criteria for evaluating water conservation plans established under Federal law.

(d) If the Contractor is engaged in direct ground-water recharge, such activity shall be described in the Contractor's water conservation plan.

OPINIONS AND DETERMINATIONS

- 30. (a) Where the terms of this Settlement Contract provide for actions to be based upon the opinion or determination of either party to this Settlement Contract, said terms shall not be construed as permitting such action to be predicated upon arbitrary, capricious, or unreasonable opinions or determinations. Both parties, notwithstanding any other provisions of this Settlement Contract, expressly reserve the right to seek relief from and appropriate adjustment for any such arbitrary, capricious, or unreasonable opinion or determination. Each opinion or determination by either party shall be provided in a timely manner. Nothing in subdivision (a) of Article 30 of this Settlement Contract is intended to or shall affect or alter the standard of judicial review applicable under Federal law to any opinion or determination implementing a specific provision of Federal law embodied in statute or regulation.
- (b) The Contracting Officer shall have the right to make determinations necessary to administer this Settlement Contract that are consistent with the provisions of this Settlement Contract, the laws of the United States and of the State of California, and the rules and regulations promulgated by the Secretary of the Interior. Such determinations shall be made in consultation with the Contractor to the extent reasonably practicable.

CONTRACTOR TO PAY CERTAIN MISCELLANEOUS COSTS

- 31. (a) In addition to all other payments to be made by the Contractor pursuant to this Settlement Contract, the Contractor shall pay to the United States, within 60 days after receipt of a bill and detailed statement submitted by the Contracting Officer to the Contractor for such specific items of direct cost incurred by the United States for work requested by the Contractor associated with this Settlement Contract plus indirect costs in accordance with applicable Bureau of Reclamation policies and procedures. All such amounts referred to in this Article shall not exceed the amount agreed to in writing in advance by the Contractor. This Article shall not apply to costs for routine contract administration.
- (b) All advances for miscellaneous costs incurred for work requested by the Contractor pursuant to Article 31 of this Settlement Contract shall be adjusted to reflect the actual costs when the work has been completed. If the advances exceed the actual costs incurred, the difference will be refunded to the Contractor. If the actual costs exceed the Contractor's advances, the Contractor will be billed for the additional costs pursuant to Article 31 of this Settlement Contract.

WAIVER OF DEFAULT

32. The waiver by either party to this Settlement Contract as to any default shall not be construed as a waiver of any other default or as authority of the other party to continue such default or to make, do, or perform, or not to make, do, or perform, as the case may be, any act or thing which would constitute a default.

CONTRACT ASSIGNMENT OR TERMINATION UPON TRANSFER OF LAND 668 The rights and obligations of the Contractors may be transferred in 669 33. (a) connection with the transfer of title to the land or any portion thereof delineated on Exhibit B on 670 671 the following terms and conditions: 672 A voluntary inter vivos transfer may be made, upon mutual (1) agreement of the United States and the Contractors, to a person eligible to hold title to the land as 673 674 a nonexcess landowner; and 675 In the event the title of the Contractors to such land, or any portion (2) thereof, is transferred by operation of law, such as by conveyance in satisfaction of a mortgage, 676 by inheritance, or by device, the rights and obligations of the Contractors shall pass with the title 677 and the land shall be subject to provisions of Reclamation law pertaining to such transfers. Any 678 transfer of the rights and obligations of this Settlement Contract by the person acquiring title by 679 operation of law shall be in accordance with provisions of subsection (1) above. 680 681 The Contractors shall notify the Contracting Officer in writing of any (b) proposed transfer of this Settlement Contract. In addition, in the case of a partial assignment the 682 683 Contractors shall: 684 Designate the proportionate quantities of Base Supply and Project (1) 685 Water which they desire to assign; and 686 Furnish the United States with a copy of the deed transferring title. (2) 687 (c) No transfer of this Settlement Contract shall be effective unless and until approved by the Contracting Officer, and, if approved, shall be effective from the date of such 688 689 approval.

590	(d) Upon mutual agreement between the United States and the Contractor, this				
591	Settlement Contract or a portion thereof may be terminated and the new landowner will have the				
592	privilege of entering into a Settlement Contract for water service for a proportionate share of the				
593	Contract Total provided he is duly qualified to receive water for such land.				
94	TERMINATION				
95	34. This Settlement Contract will terminate upon mutual agreement of the parties				
96	prior to the end of the term or any renewal thereof.				

697	IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Settlement					
698	Contract as of the day and year first hereinabove written.					
699	APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM AND SUFFICIENCY JAMES E STATES OF AMERICA					
700	OFFICE OF REGIONAL SOLICITOR DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR By: Descional Director Mid Page Co. Paging					
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STATE OF <u>California</u>		
COUNTY OF Tehama		
On _March 4, 2005	before me, <u>Leanna Huff</u> (Name of Notary Public)	
personally appeared Hal Gjermann		

personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal

(Signature of Notary Public)

LEANNA HUFF
COMM. NO. 1440916
NOTARY PUBLIC - CALIFORNIA
SHASTA COUNTY
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES
SEPTEMBER 23, 2007

(This area for notarial seal)

Exhibit A

HAL GJERMANN Sacramento River

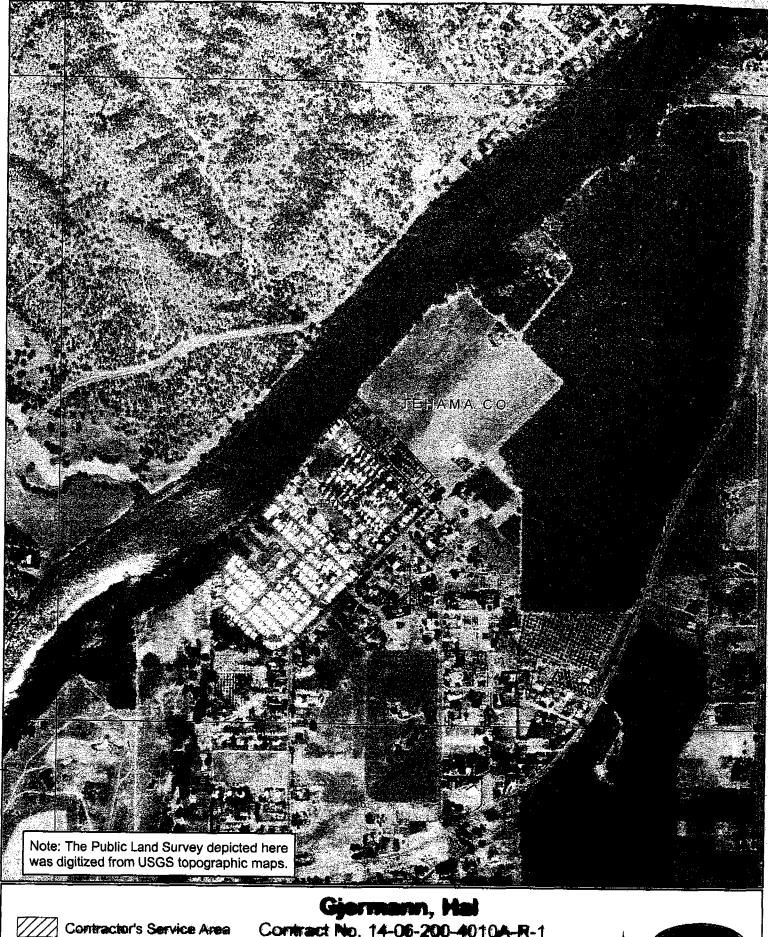
SCHEDULE OF MONTHLY DIVERSIONS OF WATER

	Base Supply (acre-feet)	Project Water (acre-feet)	Contract Total (acre-feet)
April	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
May	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>
June	2	0	<u>2</u>
July	1	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
August	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	4
September	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
October	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	<u>8</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>12</u>

Irrigable Acres: 5

Points of Diversion: 196.55L

<u>Dated:</u> 01-31-2005



Point of Diversion

Gjermann, HalContract No. 14-06-200-4010A-R-1 Exhibit B



Exhibit C

Omitted

Exhibit D

HAL GJERMANN Sacramento River 2005 Water Rates and Charges per Irrigated Acre

Irrigation

COST OF SERVICE RATE:

\$16.48

FULL-COST RATES:

Section 202(3) Rate is applicable to a Qualified Recipient or to a Limited Recipient receiving irrigation water on or before October 1, 1981.

\$22.02

Section 205(a)(3) Rate is applicable to a Limited Recipient that did not receive irrigation water on or before October 1, 1981.

\$23.65

CHARGES UNDER P.L. 102-575 TO THE RESTORATION FUND 1/
Restoration Payments (3407(d)(2)(A))

\$6.34

1/ Restoration fund charges are payments in addition to the water rates and were determined pursuant to Title XXXIV of Public Law 102-575. Restoration fund charges are on a fiscal year basis (10/1 - 9/30).